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SUBJECT: ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, TORREMOLINOS,
SITREP 28

1. LANGUAGES - IN ORCHESTRATED PLENARY HANDLING OF LANGUAGE ISSUES, ARABIC WAS AGREED TO BE INCLUDED AS LANGUAGE OF INTERPRETATION FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCES (WORLD AND REGIONAL) AT UNION EXPENSE, BUT ARABIC NOT ADOPTED AS EITHER AN OFFICIAL OR WORKING LANGUAGE. CHINESE AND RUSSIAN APPROVED BY CONFERENCE PLENARY AS WORKING LANGUAGES. AFTER INTERVENTIONS OF NETHERLANDS, U.S. AND UK URGING COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF LANGUAGE ISSUE, GERMANS ACCEPTED INCLUSION OF GERMAN REQUEST AS SUBJECT OF STUDY AND ENTIRE LANGUAGE ISSUE REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BY CONFERENCE RESOLUTION FOR REVIEW AND PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY.

2. MEMBERSHIP ISSUES - AFTER EXTENDED PLENARY DEBATE, CONFERENCE DECIDED BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN SECRET BALLOT TO ABOLISH FIVE TERRITORIES AND, BY LATER REFERENCE, RHODESIA WAS ABOLISHED FROM ANNEX TO
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TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION CONTAINING MEMBER LIST.

REVISIONS IN ARTICLE 1 FINALLY APPROVED BY PLENARY
AS FOLLOWS:

A. ONLY COUNTRIES MAY BE MEMBERS OF UNION;

B. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ELIMINATED (PAPUA-NEW
GUINEA RIGHTS RETAINED UNDER SEPARATE PROTOCOL
ANNEXED TO CONVENTION.);

C. COMMITTEE 8 DECISION TO REDUCE VOTING ON
MEMBERSHIP TO SIMPLE MAJORITY FOR UN NON-MEMBERS APPLICANTS
WAS REVERSED IN PLENARY BY CANADA, SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY
WESTERN POWERS, INCLUDING U.S. PLENARY REINSTATED
TWO THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIREMENT IN SECRET BALLOT - 71 (U.S.)
FOR; 43 AGAINST; 12 ABSTENTIONS;

D. U.S., FRANCE, AND UK SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (DOC. 184)
TO REINSTATE THEIR TERRITORIES AS MEMBERS IN ANNEX LIST
BUT BLACK AFRICANS AND LATIN AMERICANS DEMANDED VOTE ON
WHETHER TO TAKE A VOTE AND WON OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN
SUPPORT OF NOT VOTING ON THREE POWER PROPOSAL. IT DIED
WITHOUT VOTE.

3. DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1975 ESTABLISHED FOR ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION FOR THOSE WHO SIGN
AND RATIFY BY THAT DATE. CONSEQUENTLY, U.S. TERRITORIES'
MEMBERSHIP IN ITU WILL TERMINATE DECEMBER 31, 1974,
IF U.S. SIGNS AND RATIFIES TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION PRIOR
TO JANUARY 1, 1975.

4. AT THIS POINT, SIGNATURE OF TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION
BY TERRITORIES' DELEGATION UNCERTAIN.
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